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Gatimaan Express
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the semi high speed trains to longer routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has any proposal to introduce a Gatimaan Express from Visakhapatnam to New Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has also taken ample steps to ensure accident free run of such semi high speed trains like Gatimaan and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): At present, there is no proposal for extension of existing semi high speed train to longer routes.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no proposal to introduce Gatimaan Express from Visakhapatnam to New Delhi keeping in view existing speed on the Agra- Visakhapatnam route.
(e): The steps taken include provision of upgraded infrastructure like train protection warning system, thick web switches in the facing direction, 60kg rail, modified switch expansion joints, fencing alongside the track, manning of level crossings and modified cattle guard on the locomotives etc.

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